

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting device comprising:
a base portion **removably engageable to ~~for engaging a~~ an external, existing** light socket **for receiving electrical power via the external, existing light socket;**
a socket for receiving a light bulb **and electrically connecting the light bulb to the base portion;** and
at least one light source coupled to the base portion;
the base portion being electrically connected to the **device's** socket **for receiving a light bulb** and **to** the light source for applying electrical power from the **external, existing** light socket to the light source and to the light bulb.
2. (Currently Amended) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein:
the **device's** socket **for receiving a light bulb** is a medium base socket;
and
the base portion is engageable with a medium base socket.
3. (Original) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the light source includes at least one LED.
4. (Original) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the light source includes at least one LED, and wherein the light bulb is a light source other than an LED.
5. (Original) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the base portion is adapted to receive therein a power source for supplying back-up power to the light source.

6. (Original) The lighting device of claim 5, wherein the base portion is electrically connected to the power source for applying electrical power from the light socket to the power source for recharging the power source.

7. (Currently Amended) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein:

the **device's** socket **for receiving a light bulb** includes a threaded portion adapted to threadedly receive a threaded portion of the light bulb; and

the base portion includes a threaded portion adapted to be threadedly received within a threaded portion of the light socket.

8. (Original) The lighting device of claim 7, wherein the base portion is removably engaged with the threaded portion.

9. (Original) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the light bulb includes at least one of:

an incandescent light bulb;

a halogen light bulb;

a fluorescent light bulb; and

a black light bulb.

10. (Original) The lighting device of claim 1, further comprising a control circuit for controlling the operation of the light source.

11. (Original) The lighting device of claim 10, wherein the control circuit includes:

at least one integrated circuit coupled to the base portion and the light source; and

at least one switching device coupled to the integrated circuit.

12. (Original) The lighting device of claim 1, further comprising a cover sized to be received over the light bulb, at least a portion of the cover being light-transmissive.

13. (Original) The lighting device of claim 12, wherein the cover is removably engaged with the base portion.

14. (Original) The lighting device of claim 12, wherein:
the cover includes a portion responsive to black light; and
at least one of the light source and the light bulb is oriented to direct black light at the black light-responsive portion of the cover.

15-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) A lighting device comprising:
a base portion ~~removably engageable to~~ for engaging a an external, existing light socket for receiving electrical power via the external, existing light socket;
a socket for receiving a light bulb and electrically connecting the light bulb to the base portion; and
at least one light source;
the base portion being electrically connected to the ~~device's~~ socket for receiving a light bulb for applying electrical power from the light socket to the light bulb;
the base portion being adapted to receive therein a power source for applying electrical power to the light source.

45. (Original) The lighting device of claim 44, wherein:
the base portion is electrically connected to the light source for applying electrical power from the light socket to the light source; and
the power source is configured to supply back-up power to the light source when the base portion is unable to receive electrical power from the light socket.

46. (Original) The lighting device of claim 44, wherein the base portion is electrically connected to the power source for applying electrical power from the light socket to the power source for recharging the power source.

47-49. (Cancelled)

50. (Currently Amended) A lighting device comprising
a threaded socket for threadedly engaging a threaded portion of a light bulb;

a base portion including a threaded portion for threadedly engaging a threaded portion of an existing light socket, the base portion being electrically connected to the device's **threaded** socket for applying electrical power from the existing light socket to the light bulb; and

a member having at least one LED, the member configured in a generally annular shape having a central opening, the member being disposed generally around at least a portion of the light bulb received within the central opening when the light bulb is engaged with the device's **threaded** socket,

wherein the member and at least one LED are removably coupled to the base portion such that the member and the at least one LED are separable from the base portion, to thereby allow the at least one LED to be independently operable from the light bulb and the base portion.

51. (Currently Amended) The lighting device of claim 50, wherein the member includes at least one power source compartment for receiving **at least one battery a power source** therein for applying electrical power to the LED.

52. (Previously Presented) The lighting device of claim 50, wherein the base portion is electrically connected to the LED for applying electrical power from the existing light socket to the LED.

53. (Previously Presented) The lighting device of claim 50, wherein an outer perimeter of the member is generally circular, and wherein a periphery of the opening is generally circular.

54. (Previously Presented) The lighting device of claim 50, wherein the base portion is engageable with a medium base socket.

55. (Previously Presented) The lighting device of claim 50, further comprising a cover sized to be received over the light bulb and the member having the at least one LED.

56. (Previously Presented) The lighting device of claim 55, wherein the cover is removably engaged with the base portion.

57. (Previously Presented) The lighting device of claim 55, wherein the outer features of the lighting device with the cover simulate the outer features of an incandescent light bulb.

58. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, further comprising a member having the at least one light source, the member and at least one light source being removably coupled to the base portion such that the member and the at least one light source are separable from the base portion, to thereby allow the at least one light source to be independently operable from the light bulb and the base portion.

59. (New) The lighting device of claim 58, wherein the member includes at least one power source compartment for receiving at least one battery therein operable as the sole source of electrical power for operating the at least one light source when the member is separated and electrically disconnected from the base portion.

60. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the lighting device is configured for use as a self-contained, stand-alone, portable lighting device when disengaged from the external, existing light socket.

61. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises a plurality of LEDs including at least one LED that produces light having at least one attribute different than the light produced by the light bulb and/or at least one other LED, the at least one different attribute including at least one or more of color, intensity, blink speed, hue, saturation, or brightness.

62. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises a first plurality of LEDs circumferentially disposed about the socket for receiving a light bulb, and a second plurality of LEDs disposed on a side surface of the base portion.

63 (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises:

- at least one LED oriented for emitting light generally in a first direction; and
- at least one LED oriented for emitting light in generally in a second direction different than the first direction.

64. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises:

- at least one LED oriented for emitting light generally in a first direction; and
- at least one LED oriented for emitting light in a second direction generally perpendicular to the first direction.

65. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises:

at least one LED configured to direct light away from the base portion at an angle substantially perpendicular to the surface of the base portion on which is located the socket for receiving a light bulb; and

at least one LED configured to direct light away from the base portion at an angle substantially parallel to the surface of the base portion on which is located the socket for receiving a light bulb.

66. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises a plurality of LEDs, the operation of which is controlled by a control circuit in accordance with user input to provide one or more of blinking, strobing, color changes, and/or color phasing.

67. (New) The lighting device of claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises a plurality of LEDs and at least one switch for allowing a user to select from an operating mode for the LEDs including at least one of an off-light mode, an on-light mode, a mode in which each LED simultaneously light, a mode in which the LEDs emit light intermittently, a mode in which the LEDs illuminate at different times in accordance with a predetermined sequence or order, a mode in which the LEDs emit light that phases between colors, a mode in which the LEDs emit light randomly, and/or a mode in which the LEDs pulsate to sounds.

68. (New) The lighting device of claim 44, wherein the base portion includes a removable portion having the at least one light source and the power source, wherein the removable portion and the at least one light source are separable from the base portion, to thereby allow the at least one light source to be independently operable from the light bulb and the base portion, with the power source being the sole source of electrical power for operating the at least one light source when the removable portion and the at least one light source are separated and electrically disconnected from the base portion.

69. (New) The lighting device of claim 44, wherein the lighting device is configured for use as a self-contained, stand-alone, portable lighting device when disengaged from the external, existing light socket.

70. (New) The lighting device of claim 50, wherein the lighting device is configured for use as a self-contained, stand-alone, portable lighting device when disengaged from the existing light socket.